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THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL, £2,000,000. PAID-UP, £500,000.

REGISTERED OFFICE, 40, THE ARCADE, LONDON.

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THE Bank receives Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

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HOLDERS OF THIS STOCK incur no liability whatever.

H. A. HERBERT, Manager, Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, February 16, 1886. 314

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors will receive their money at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 34 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, F. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1885.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000. RESERVE FUND, \$4,500,000. RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION, \$500,000. DIVIDENDS, \$2,500,000. PROFIT, \$2,500,000.

COURT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman—Hon. F. D. SASSON. Deputy Chairman—A. McIVER, Esq. O. D. BORTCHGAT, Esq. E. H. M. HUNTING, Esq. H. L. DALRYMPLE, Esq. H. W. KENNEDY, Esq. M. GOSCH, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER. Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager. Shanghai, EVERETT CAMERON, Esq. LONDON BANKERS—London and Colony Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 4 per cent. per annum.

For 6 months, 4 1/2 per cent. per annum.

For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

Local Bills Discounted.

Credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, General Manager.

Hongkong, December 31, 1885. 120

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. C. HEYMANN will take charge of our Yokohama and Kobe Firms. Messrs. SIEMSEN & Co. have been appointed our Agents in Hongkong and China.

OPPENHEIMER FRERES.

Hongkong, February 6, 1886. 252

NOTICE.

MR. THEODOR VON DER HEYDE, of Hamburg, and Mr. GOTTFRED BRUNO ROBERT BECKER, of Hongkong, have this day been admitted PARTNERS in our Firms in HAMBURG and HONGKONG.

SANDER & Co.

Dated 2nd February, 1886. 230

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST AND RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. O. KWOK CHAK in our Firm ceased on the 1st instant. Mr. C. CHUN KAI is admitted a PARTNER from the 4th instant.

HOP HING HONG.

132, Bonmah Street.

Hongkong, February 10, 1886. 232

Intimations.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACES 1886.

24th, 25th and 26th February.

Rule 15.—ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE for MEMBERS of JOCKEY CLUB, Free; for Non-Members, \$5 for the Meeting. For Admission to the New Stand \$1 per diem.

Rule 16.—TICKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE to be had on application to J. KERRICK, Esq., Hon. Treasurer, and at the Gate on Race Days. No one admitted without a Ticket, to be shown to the Gate-keeper.

H. J. H. TRIPP.

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 18, 1886. 340

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the Presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during the RACES on the 24th, 25th and 26th instant.

By Order, H. J. H. TRIPP.

Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 18, 1886. 341

THE HONGKONG DAIRY.

MR. KENNEDY having received a number of First Class MILCH COWS is again in a position to SUPPLY his old customers and the Community with FRESH MILK.

Orders sent to the RESTORATORY will be punctually attended to.

Hongkong, February 17, 1886. 334

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF, GODOWN AND CARGO BOAT COMPANY.

THE Company will receive STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS alongside their Wharves at Kowloon, and Land, Re-ship, and/or Store GENERAL CARGOES, SILK, ORIENTAL COTTON, GRAIN or MANUFACTURES in First-Class Granite Godowns at Cheap Rates. Also COALS in specially constructed Sheds.

For the convenience of Commanders and Stokers the Company's launch Hongkong will convey to and fro those interested FREE OF CHARGE, starting from the Pedder's Wharf every hour from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and from the Wharf at Kowloon at the half-hour.

For further Particulars, apply to W. KERFOOT HUGHES, Agent, Pedder's Street.

Hongkong, February 17, 1886. 331

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventeenth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 45, Queen's Road, Victoria, at THREE O'CLOCK in the AFTERNOON of TUESDAY, the 23rd February instant, for the purpose of receiving the Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1885.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 23rd instant, both days inclusive.

By Order, JAS. B. COUGHTRE.

Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 243

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder's Street, Victoria, Hongkong, at Noon, on THURSDAY, the 4th day of March, 1886, for the purpose of Confirming the Resolution for amending the Articles of Association by striking out Article 34 and substituting in lieu thereof an Article provided for the subdivision of the existing Shares of \$100 each of the said Company, and which was duly proposed and passed at the Extraordinary Meeting of the Company held on the 17th February, 1886.

If the aforesaid Resolution be duly confirmed, a Resolution for the subdivision of the existing Shares of the Company of \$100 each into Shares of \$25 each will be proposed at such Meeting, and if passed by the requisite majority will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a subsequent Extraordinary General Meeting to be duly convened.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 17, 1886. 333

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

ARE NOW INTRODUCING A NEW SAFETY LAMP.

WILL Burn any mineral Oil, consuming less per Candle light than any other Lamp known. No smell under any condition. Cannot by any possible accident explode. Most simple to trim and fill, and has only one wick. Gives a whiter and more powerful Light than any Lamp ever invented. No. 1 burner gives a Light of 43 Candles; No. 2 burner gives a Light of 63 Candles, with a diminution of only 4 1/2 after 6 hours burning, consuming one pint of oil in five hours and three hours and a half respectively.

ONE HANGING LAMP will light a Room 20 feet square at a cost of 1/2 cent per hour.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. are now SELLING these LAMPS in a variety of ELEGANT PATTERNS.

PRICE FROM \$8.00 EACH.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, February 12, 1886. 207

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

BOOKS ON NAVIGATION AND MARINE ENGINEERING.

Reed's 'Engineer's Hand Book.' Rees's 'New Guide to Local Marine Examinations.' Winton's 'Modern Steam Practice and Engineering.' Seaton's 'Manual of Marine Engineering.' Molesworth's 'Pocket Book of Engineering Formulas.' Shock on Steam Boilers. 'Instructions to Surveyors of Ships.' Donaldson's 'Drawing and Royal Sketching for Marine Engineers.' Donaldson's 'Rough Working Drawings for First Class Engineers.' Lee's 'Laws of Shipping and Insurance.' 'Dangers of the Modern Rule of the Road at Sea,' by Capt. Colomb.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, HONGKONG.

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GREAT CLEARANCE SALE (FOR CASH).

W. POWELL & Co.

WILL OFFER ON AND AFTER MONDAY NEXT, 1st February, 1886,

WITH a View to make Room for NEW SPRING GOODS, a large portion of their STOCK at greatly reduced prices.

Also, THE SEASON'S ACCUMULATION OF REMNANTS, comprising, REMNANTS OF SILKS, DRESS GOODS, PRINTS, CALICOES, LININGS, CLOTHS, FLANNELS, CLOTHINGS, RIBBONS, LACES, NEEDLEWORK, &c., &c., &c.

W. POWELL & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, January 30, 1886. 203

ROBERT LANG & Co.,

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

Scotch Tweed Suit, \$15.00.

While advertising our 'Specialties' we also wish to draw the attention of our Customers to our, now, complete Stock of TWEED SUITINGS, COATINGS, TROUSERINGS, SERGES, FLANNELS, &c. A large and choice selection of the newest FABRICS of English, Scotch and Continental Manufacture, from medium to the very finest qualities.

Hongkong, October 1, 1885. 1771

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbor and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place. The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious large Dining Hall.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms. The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 10, 1885. 1612

Intimations.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Seventeenth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, Pedder's Street, on TUESDAY, the 23rd February instant, at 2.30 p.m., to receive a Statement of Accounts by the 31st December, 1885, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors. The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 23rd day of February instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 247

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s PIERCE AND GODDOWNS, WEST POINT.

THESE are now in Working Order, STRAINERS are returned at the Wharf, and CARGO received and stored at Cheap Rates.

The GODDOWNS are two storied, dry, airy, and well suited for the Storage of SILK, CORROD and WOOLLEN Piece Goods, as well as GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

Advances made on Cargo stored.

For Rates and further Particulars, apply to the Managers, or to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Hongkong, December 2, 1885. 2092

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the HEAD OFFICE, No. 14, Praya Central will receive prompt attention. In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-signed is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLES, Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1885. 1458

NOTICE.

FOR the Convenience of Customers, the Productions of the 'CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED,' can henceforward be obtained by RETAIL, FOR CASH, at No. 3, PRINCE STREET, at the same prices as at the REFINERY; or Retail Orders will be delivered at addresses in town on applicants forwarding their Monthly Requirements in writing direct to the REFINERY at East Point.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, July 27, 1885. 1262

Intimations.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Second Ordinary General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Company, Praya Central, on SATURDAY, 20th February, at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th to 20th February, inclusive.

RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 30, 1886. 211

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Eighth Ordinary Annual MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the GENERAL MANAGERS, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 20th instant, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1885.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 9th to the 20th instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 249

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fourth Ordinary Annual General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the GENERAL MANAGERS, Pedder's Street, on SATURDAY, the 20th February instant, at Half-past Three o'clock p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1885.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 9th to the 20th instant, inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, February 5, 1886. 245

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,

Chromometer, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silver Smiths.

NAUTICAL SCIENTIFIC and METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOLUNTEERS' CELEBRATED BINOCULARS and TELESCOPES.

RITCHIE'S LIQUID and OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALTY and IMRAY CHARTS.

English SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, GOLD and SILVER JEWELLERY, in great variety.

DIAMONDS and DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Dr. HURSTON, to Sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY, the 22nd February, 1886, at 2 p.m., at his Residence, No. 3, Morrison Hill,—

THE WHOLE of HIS HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—

CRETONNE-COVERED DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, OTTOMAN, BLACKWOOD MARBLE-TOP TABLES and TEA-TOTS, VIENNA CHAIRS, and DAVENPORT.

EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD, WHISKY, DINNER, DESSET and BREAKFAST SETS, GLASS and PLATE WARE, DUKE OF KINGSFORD TABLE LAMP.

DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BEDSTEPS, DOUBLE-WINGED WARDROBE, TOILET TABLE and GLASS, and WARDROBE.

Also, A COTTAGE PIANO, by LUNAY LUBER.

PLANTS, Etc., Etc.

Catalogues will be issued. Terms of Sale.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 16, 1886. 321

AUCTION SALE OF

ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to Sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY, the 23rd February, 1886, at 2 p.m., at the Residence of S. G. BIRD, Esq., 'The Rockery,' Robinson Road,—

THE WHOLE of HIS ELEGANT HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising:—

CRETONNE-COVERED CHAIRS, COUCHES, BLACK WALNUT WHITTONS, SIDE TABLES, MARBLES, GLASS, CUPBOARDS, FRIGIDERS, DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD, GLASS, CROCKERY and PLATED WARE, BRASS BEDSTEPS, SPRING MATTRESSES, WARDROBE with MIRROR FRONT, DRESSING TABLE, TOILET GLASSES, &c., &c.

Also, A COTTAGE PIANO, by J. BRINCKRAD & SONS.

The Furniture will be on view on Monday, the 22nd instant, from 10 o'clock till 4 o'clock p.m.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 16, 1886. 315

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS, ENAMELS, CURIOS, &c.

THE Undersigned will offer FOR SALE by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY, the 20th February, 1886, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,—

A VERY RARE and VALUABLE COLLECTION OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS AND CURIOS,

which have just been imported into this Colony from the Northern Provinces of China, where they have been collected with a great deal of trouble and expense.

THIS VALUABLE COLLECTION comprises FINE SPECIMENS of PORCELAIN VASES, JARS, BASINS, BOTTLES, PLATES, &c., of the MING DYNASTY, the reigns of the Manchoo Emperors KANG-HSI, YUNG-CHING, KANG-CHI, and others in FIVE COLOURS, BLUE and WHITE, BLACK and GOLD, SANG DE BEUF, and IMPERIAL BLACK, GREEN, YELLOW, and other DECORATIONS.

PERIN ENAMELS, OLD EMBROIDERIES, FINE BAMBOO CARVINGS, OLD BRONZES, FINE COLOURED and BLUE and WHITE, OLD PORCELAIN, SCREENS, and a variety of other CURIOS.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the Articles will be on view on Friday, the 18th instant.

Terms of Sale.—As customary.

G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 13, 1886. 307

Shipping.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR PORT

THE now rather complicated action of Chan Ashing v. Mr. J. Smith, for an account of the Kowloon Dock, reached another stage in the Supreme Court this afternoon. The plaintiff, as was stated some days ago, immediately after Mr. Mitchell-Innes' decision at the Police Court, went to the Supreme Court and asked that his action for the recovery of \$5.80 for wages due to him by Mr. Smith be reconsidered. He was told that the case had been adjourned till to-day and that he must reappear then. Accordingly, back he came to-day, and this time he has been more fortunate. His Honour J. Russell told Mr. Smith that he had no right to deduct the \$3 for the articles he said were stolen. When a man was guilty of stealing he must be charged before the proper authority. With the proceedings in another Court he had nothing to do. As far as he was concerned he had but to order that Mr. Smith pay the \$5.80 he had kept back. It was, he added, that a man after being five days in service would get two months' leave. On the face of it, it was unlikely Mr. Smith said he could prove it by Ashing's present employer. His Lordship, however, did not consider such proof necessary and as he considered the action had arisen out of the deduction of the \$3, mulcted Mr. Smith with costs.

THE attendance of visitors at the Botanical Gardens this afternoon was fully as large, though somewhat more cosmopolitan than yesterday. Amongst those present were the Officer Administering the Government and Mrs. Marsh, the Colonial Surgeon, &c. The weather was not quite so black as yesterday but was still rather damp and dull, and as is usually the case on the second day of an exhibition at the Flower Show, the freshness of many of the exhibits had departed. In spite of this, however, there was quite enough left to make a stroll round the enclosure both interesting and pleasant, the more particularly as the Band of the French flag ship *Le Turquoise* treated the visitors to a very fine selection of music excellently performed. The Band of the *Turquoise* proved itself to be decidedly superior to the average Naval Band. The following was the programme performed:—

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The Judges, we understand, have awarded to Mr. J. G. T. Hassell the silver cup presented by Mr. E. R. Bellis for the best exhibit of flowers, and the same gentleman has carried off the silver medal for general excellence in his exhibits. The Bellis Cup for the best exhibit of vegetables and fruit has not yet been awarded as the Judges have to decide on a very close competition between Mr. E. L. Woodin and Mr. Hassell. The decision will probably be given to-morrow.

THE OVERLAND ROUTE AT THE CITY HALL.

THE groundwork of Tom Taylor's three-act comedy 'The Overland Route' possesses a certain local interest. It is understood that the lines on which the play was written were supplied to the popular dramatist by either an officer or a passenger of the ill-fated P. & O. Steamer *Arcturion*, which was lost about the year 1850. Captain Henry, who for many years was superintending the Company at Bombay, was in command of the *Arcturion* when she struck; and it is said that a certain Colonial Governor, not entirely forgotten by some of the oldest residents here, was the model for the amusing character of Sir Solomon Fraser, while the sad incident of his dental loss was quite in accordance with fact.

Of the play itself we have already given a synopsis, but it must be added that, besides its clever and amusing dialogue, it furnishes an admirable picture of life on board the good ships of the P. & O. Company. The performance of 'The Overland Route' given at the City Hall Theatre last night by the members of the Amateur Dramatic Club may unhesitatingly be set down as one of the greatest successes of recent seasons. With a cast of fifteen (eleven gentlemen and four ladies)—to which must be added a crowd of admirably-dressed lacakers, punkah-wallahs, ayahs (and babies), body-servants and sailors—it is no small credit to have to state that the representation was, as we have said, a decided success. The scenery, too, and the stage management generally showed that much experience, great taste, and great capacity for arrangement of details, had been brought to bear upon the attainment of a gratifyingly successful performance. While thanking this unusually large company for the unequalled pleasure given to the community of Hongkong by the entertainment of last night, it must be recorded with thankfulness that the audience on this occasion was much less frigid than it is wont to be, that the laughter was louder, longer, more hearty and more general than usual, and that the intimation of applause (the breath of an actor's life) was much more frequent and spontaneous than is frequently the case amidst what Tom Dexton would call our somewhat 'padded' form of civilization.

In saying a few words as to the characters represented, it is only just to premise that the little allowance made to the scene of amateur work. Most of those who formed the cast were well versed in the minutiae as well as the general principles which guide the actor; and there is nothing of flattery in the remark that the 'Overland Route' could not readily have been ably acted by any amateur company than it was by the A. D. C. on this occasion.

Captain Bunbury's personation of Tom Dexton was, we think, the most marked

triumph of the piece. He is a thoroughly-going actor, and he was the 'pivot of the ship,' as well as the 'ring spring' on the ready island. There was a graceful ease and modesty about his manner which seemed not only to suit his part admirably, but to furnish the proper swing and tone to every scene in which he appeared. We heartily congratulate the Captain upon the really high-class presentation which he gave of a very enormous part, and upon the admirable way in which he sustained it from the opening to the final curtain. It is true that Tom Dexton is the personification of those qualities which Englishmen most admire—rivalry in love, they were seldom divided. Major Brooke's personation stands alone. It is always easy to speak of Mr. Hockley, in whatever role he plays: he plays it admirably, and there's an end of it. In his *Le Turquoise* with Mrs. Bellis, he was in grand form, and he very nearly did 'make a fool of himself' with the supposed charming widow. Sir Solomon Fraser is the most effective character yet undertaken by Mr. Herbert; and when we say that he did it justice, this must be accepted as high praise, for the part is by no means an easy one. As to the punctilious and self-satisfied old Indian official, making love, like an old fool, in the wrong place, was excellent; and this excellence was borne out throughout the scene on the coral reef of Makazi, when he himself became a wreck, like the steamer *Sinclair*—by the loss of his hat of ivory.

Mr. Lovibond (Major Brooke) reminded us of the days when Mr. Traub was in his prime, in a dramatic sense. That is to say, Mr. Lovibond alias Downy was a personation to be long remembered as a piece of acting which shook up a Hongkong audience on the other night out of its wonted gravity, and made those present laugh so that the theatre rang again. Some exception may be taken to Lovibond's got-up. It was peculiar, and might not, even at its best, be regarded as very flattering to the merchandise of the Straits. He was slightly inclined to communicate his love notes to the stalls, and leave the dress circle in the dark. But his dressing, his perfect knowledge of details, and his telling points and situations, were irresistibly comical, and produced, as we have said, merriment. All the suggestions were slightly inclined to improve his personation of this character as such as could be easily adopted by an actor of the class of this amateur; and a better knowledge of the acoustic peculiarities of our theatre, will remedy them speedily enough. He is an immense acquisition to the A. D. C. Mr. White in *Tulla* was the P. & O. chief steward in a most amusing guise. This actor always suits his role, and his role seems invariably to suit him. Although a comparatively minor character, Tulla did much to give life and humour to the play. In quite a different style, but with equal credit, did Captain Ramsey do justice to the quiet part of the Captain of the steamer. There was no necessity for any dramatic effect; it was simply a bit of natural work, and it was so carried out. Mr. Lewis took the small part of *Henry*, the Chief Officer. Mr. Robinson was the low and repulsive-looking detective *Melkiss*; Mr. Hawkins filled the role of *Captain* (clearing, one of those haw-haw 'young puppets of soldiers' who do little else than wear an eye-glass and hold all the honours at court while Mr. Wallace cavorts with the ladies. The swagging, blustering, and duelling major, Mr. Hayler was called Sir Solomon's man (Limpet); but it is somewhat difficult to class him, as his movements and study of the part were so decidedly peculiar. Of the ladies, it need not be said that the leading roles were in most competent hands. Mrs. Bellis was bright, and either charmingly dangerous or dangerously charming, as her numerous admirers might discover. In her difficult part she proved herself to be a thorough actress, and her *Le Turquoise* was a very dramatic style as much as by the good tone of her acting throughout. The third scene showed her even more attractive than before; and in the 'passage of arms' between herself and Mrs. Lovibond, her biting and polished sarcasm was the weapon of the actress of both sides. Mrs. Bellis, in her class, was grave and subdued in manner, as became her part, Mrs. Lovibond was probably even more accurate in her setting. The reading of her letter was admirably done, and her scenes with her restored Lovibond were excellent bits of acting. Mrs. Colver, in some of her scenes with Dexton, revealed a genuine knowledge of the art of representing nature, and throughout she sustained a very creditable representation of the daughter and the quiet admirer of the young doctor. As Mrs. Grimsdell, Mrs. A. Forester was quite up to the mark, and her scenes with her surroundings in a voice that was at once clear and comfortably audible.

The scenery in the saloon and on deck was highly creditable to all concerned, and was so capital a representation of the familiar reality that it was heartily appreciated. The scenery was very effective. With the rescue, the curtain fell, amid the heartiest applause we have heard for many a day.

The Band of the Northamptonshire Regiment played in their best style during the intervals.

We learn that the piece will next likely be again performed on Friday next; and it is certainly one of the most enjoyable entertainments of the kind we have ever had here, there can be little doubt of obtaining a good house to witness its repetition.

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OCCASIONAL TIPS NOTES.

THE Race-Course was not opened on Tuesday, but it was yesterday and to-day, and if rain keeps off, the outer Course will be open also to-morrow. As race day approaches the barometer of hopes and fears is very sensitive, and books which looked very a week ago have in some instances become rather blue. Interest at present centres in the Derby, and to-morrow I shall give you my tip. I should have liked to have seen more of one or two of the candidates, but the issue is narrowed, so far as I can see, to three stallions.

Of the more noteworthy movements yesterday I may mention Dunkeld, with Mr. Hutchings up, accompanied by Horro on Whitechapel; they went for a mile and a half, the first quarter 32½ miles, 2½; the last half mile I did not get. The Great Northern rider then took Moon; he went by himself in excellent form for 1½ mile, the last 1½ mile in 2:48; time for three quarters, 1:38. Herschel and Wild Jack next put in an appearance from this stable, Mr. Hutchings up, with Wild Jack and Vanity Fair for his companions. The Skewball was too good for his Company, and came in as he likes, 3:31 for a mile and a half. This pony will be a dangerous competitor on race day. Wild Jack seems to me to be out of it for the meeting. Vanity did not appear to be going so well as he ought, he does not like to have his weight up.

Frederick was extended along with Luff. They started at the mile post, but the knowing ones spotted that this was not the journey meant, so got them at the 12 mile, 2:20; one and a quarter, 3 min.; 1½ mile, 3:37. I cannot help thinking that Mr. Kramor got some at any rate of his points on the mile.

John Peel's stable was entirely unrepresented on Wednesday. This sporting member has got a bad cold, I hear, and neither to-day nor yesterday did he put in an appearance. I hope he will be fit enough to repeat his Champion performance on Friday next week.

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HONGKONG AND CHINA BAKERY COMPANY.

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The Chairman read the notice calling the meeting and the report, which has already appeared in our columns; and intimated that he would be very happy to answer any question.

Mr. Vacher.—May I ask what that \$8,000.84, cash on hand represents?
 The Chairman.—That is exactly the cash on hand of which the \$5,000 has been declared as a dividend. There will be \$3,000.84 left to work it up again, and the amount on state was actually on hand, because the \$5,000 were waiting to pay the dividend.

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 The Chairman.—So far as we can judge, they are all good. As to the \$3,313.64, that is supposed to be bad are knocked off before.

Mr. Vacher.—What are your prospects?
 The Chairman.—There is no change. Everything goes exactly as before. We made another try to get the Government to take over the shares in Compagnie de Commerce, but we have not been able to get them yet. Even with a Radical Government in power in England they have got to be Conservative in the Royal Naval Yard here, and they stick to their old contractor. (Laughter.)
 Mr. McCulloch.—You also hope that you may be able to get some more Chinese carried.

expected before the end of the year and consequently is not open for re-election.
 Mr. George.—I propose that Mr. McCulloch be elected instead of Mr. Crawford.
 Mr. McCulloch said he was not a shareholder.

Mr. Legge moved that the present consulting committee, leaving out Mr. Crawford and substituting Mr. Foss, be made the consulting committee for next year.

The Chairman pointed out that Mr. Hutchison was also about to leave.

Mr. Legge said Mr. Hutchison would not be long absent and pressed his motion.

Mr. George seconded and it was carried unanimously.

The Chairman said the accounts had been audited by Mr. H. W. Davies, who was open for re-election as auditor.

Mr. Legge moved that Mr. E. S. Whistler be appointed instead of him.

The Chairman said it had generally been thought better to have an auditor who was not a shareholder.

Mr. George seconded Mr. Legge's motion, which on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

The Chairman.—The dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow (Applause).

A vote of thanks was passed to the General Manager and Consulting Committee, and the proceedings terminated.

SUPREME COURT. IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION. (Before His Honour J. Russell, Puisne Judge.)

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The first prisoner on being asked what he had to say that the sentence should not be passed, said a false charge had been made against him. The second prisoner said that if he had committed the crime he would have asked His Lordship to send him to China to have his head cut off.

His Lordship said as this was the first time they had appeared in the Court, they would be sent to prison for three years each.

HOUSE-BREAKING.
 A sentence of seven years' penal servitude was passed on Wong Ah-yan, who was convicted of house-breaking and of wounding several men.

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THE RAID ON A CHANDLER'S SHOP.
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safety of the ship!—Outlook all the hat-
 Did you find any water forward?—Yes;
 We found about four feet of water in the fore hold; all the other parts were dry.

Did you make any signals?—Yes; we fired rockets, burned blue lights and fired guns, but nobody came near.

How was the weather towards daylight, improved?—No, it was very much worse, blowing a tremendous gale from N.E. by E. Did any one come at daylight?—At daylight the *Leung Hock Kian* came on us on Thursday morning. She stood by us that day and part of the next, but could not do anything. She did not lower a boat, but she tried to send off a line with a life buoy.

She was to windward all the time. She then went off to Swatow for assistance.

How was your ship on Friday morning?—About two o'clock, I was in the saloon, when I heard a rush of water. I had sent all the passengers on the upper deck before that. I went and had a look down the 'twain' deck door, and saw that the aft 'twain' deck was full of water. I bolted up on to the upper deck at once.

How was the forward part of the ship?—About seven in the morning, the forecast went by the board.

And the stern?—The stern then went under water and began to settle.

Which part of the ship did the passengers and crew take refuge on?—On the fore part, round my chart room. All hands took to the fore part with the exception of five Chinese women, who stowed themselves in the cabin.

Did any take to the rigging?—Yes, there were some of them took to the main rigging, among them being Mr. Begley. I tried all I could to keep him from going there, but I could not persuade him.

Did the rigging stand after the stern went down?—I did not; the port side of the main rigging, on which Mr. Begley was, gave way.

Did the Chinese on the rigging escape?—Not all of them. Six or seven of the crew came down the main stay.

What became of Mr. Begley?—He hung on for a little while, but eventually fell. No one could go and save him. Four or five fell out of the starboard rigging. Attempts were made to get Mr. Begley down by a second officer, but he could not get him down.

